

A marked-up version is shown as Exhibit A.

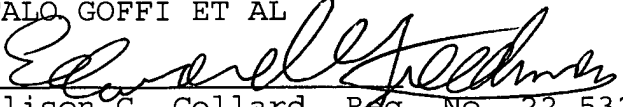
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6 through 11 and replace with new claims 12 through 29 as attached hereto as Exhibit B.

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the Applicants have added FIGS. 1-3 to the application and have included a Brief Description section and a Detailed Description section of the Figures. In addition, claims 6 through 11 have been canceled and new claims 12 through 29 have been added. No new matter has been added. Support for the information added to the detailed description can be found in the original application. The information is being reiterated and now includes reference numbers to conform with the added Figures. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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EXHIBIT A

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO
SPECIFICATION**

A work bench 3 whereon an artefact 1 to be decorated, possibly suitably pre-treated (cleaned, degreased and already treated with one or more preliminary layers of paint or submitted to colourless or coloured anodic oxidation) rests, and on which bench 3 said artefact is prepared by tight-closing it in the transfer support 2, 6.

A device 8 to create a vacuum between said transfer support 2, 6 and the artefact 1 to be decorated, so that said support 2, 6 adheres and exercises a pressure on said wrapped up artefact 1.

Heating means 7 located above said work bench 3, associated to ventilation and air circulation, positioned in a special hood.